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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Method, Apparatus And Computer Program Product For Performing
Data Packet Classification**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
2. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences;
3. Pre-Appeal Brief Request For Review;
4. Arguments to Accompany the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review;
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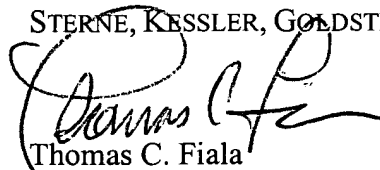
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